

## SUMMER READING CHOICES FOR CP:

English CP (All grade levels Eng I CP-Eng V CP)

### SELECT ONE BOOK FROM THE FOLLOWING CHOICES:

#### ***Because You'll Never Meet Me* by Leah Thomas**

What would you do if you couldn't use technology for an hour? A day? A lifetime?

Think you could do it? Well, Ollie has to do it because he's allergic to cell phones--and any form of electricity.

Then, there's Moritz. He lives in Germany and has a pacemaker that keeps his heart beating. Without it, he won't survive.

These two are loners and could potentially be good friends based on their loneliness. There's one problem, though. The two can never meet because the "thing" that makes each one unique is also the very "thing" that would kill the other. As a way around this dilemma, they write each other letters. You'd think that reading and writing letters would be harmless; however, as these two bond, they find themselves longing to overcome the things that are holding them back.

#### ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon**

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow. Christopher is a fifteen-year-old boy who is on the autism spectrum. He discovers that his neighbor's dog, Wellington, has been killed. Against his father's wishes, he decides to investigate it and writes his discoveries in a book that he calls a "murder mystery novel." Christopher's father confiscates the book, and while trying to find it, Christopher uncovers another mystery that must be solved. As Christopher sets out to solve them both, the reader gets a glimpse of his adventures from the unique perspective of one who interprets the world around him/her differently.

#### ***Every Last Word* by Tamara Ireland Stone**

*If you could read my mind, you wouldn't be smiling.* Samantha McAllister looks just like the rest of the popular girls in her junior class. But Sam has a secret that her friends would never understand. Sam has Purely-Obsessional OCD and is consumed by a stream of dark thoughts and worries that she can't turn off, making her life an endless stream of second guesses. Enter Caroline, who introduces Sam to Poet's Corner, a hidden room and a tight-knit group of misfits who have been ignored by the school at large. Sam is drawn to them immediately, especially a guitar-playing guy with a talent for verse, and starts to discover a whole new side of herself. Slowly, she begins to feel more "normal" than she ever has as part of the popular crowd . . . but she still finds herself living in three worlds--the popular girls, the misfits, and her own dark thoughts. What's a girl to do?

#### ***A Mango-Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass**

In Mia's mind, words and sounds have a colored aura around them. For example, the word *friend* is "turquoise with a glow of glossy red;" however, *amigo*, the Spanish word for friend, is "yellow with spots of brown, like an old banana." The two images don't match, and Mia has a hard time connecting the two images in her brain so that she can remember. Mia has been this way all her

life, and she knows now that she processes things differently from other teens because of her “glowing words.” *Why am I like this?* she wonders. *Is there something wrong with me? Why is my brother obsessed with the correct time? And where is my cat, Mango? He’s always around.* Join Mia on a discovery journey as she learns more about her condition and how to cope with it ... and other things in her life.

***Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper**

Melody has a brilliant mind. Melody has a pink wheelchair, a goldfish named Ollie, and a dog named Butterscotch. She also has Cerebral Palsy, which has robbed her of her ability to walk or talk, yet her photographic memory allows her to remember every detail of every experience she has ever had. Melody also has a neighbor named Violet who teaches her things she didn’t think she could do; a loving mom and dad; an aide at school named Catherine, and the ability to dream. In her dreams she is like everyone else who can run, take gymnastics, square dance, and sing. At eleven years of age, Melody has never spoken a word, and acquires a machine that opens her up to a whole new world...or does it? Because Melody lives in the real world of fifth graders and adults, there are many challenges she must overcome.